

Twinning committee

Date: Thursday, 13 June 2019

Time: 16:00

Venue: Mancroft room, City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH

Committee members:

Councillor Vaughan Thomas (Lord Mayor)
Councillor Grahame
Councillor Kendrick
Councillor Oliver
Councillor Peek
Councillor Sarmezey
Councillor Vivien Thomas
Councillor Utton

Ralph Gayton (El Viejo)
Waltraud Jarrold (Koblenz)
Jill Noble (Koblenz)
Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad)
Doug Underwood (Novi Sad)
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Please note that all questions must be received by the committee officer detailed on the front of the agenda by **10am on Monday 10 June 2019**.

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Date of publication: **Friday, 07 June 2019**

Twinning committee**16:00 to 16:40****14 March 2019**

Present: Councillors Schmierer (chair) Fullman (vice chair), Huntley, Peek, Raby and Thomas (Vi): and Ralph Gayton (El Viejo), Waltraud Jarrold MBE and Jill Noble (Koblenz); Doug Underwood and Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad) and Ann and Chris Rowe (Rouen)

Apologies: Councillors Brociek-Coulton, Maxwell and Wright

1. Declarations of interest

Councillor Fullman declared that he was a member of the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association, the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association and the Norfolk and Norwich/Koblenz Friendship Association.

Councillor Raby declared that he was a member of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link and the Norfolk and Norwich / Rouen Friendship Association.

Councillor Thomas (Vi) declared that she was a member of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link.

2. Minutes

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2018

3. Twinning fund – financial position

The democratic and elections manager presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the twinning fund financial position.

4. Application for Twinning grant

The chair presented the report which outlined a grant application made by Stefan Ebelewicz to assist with the cost of an exhibition at the Museum of Norwich, marking the 60th anniversary of twinning between Rouen and Norwich.

A member commented that the exhibition would be on display during the period that the Freeman of Norwich make the Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell free, which would make the exhibition accessible to more visitors.

Members agreed that the grant application was well written and detailed and that they were pleased to support the grant.

RESOLVED to approve the grant of £500 to Stefan Ebelewicz to assist with the cost of an exhibition at the Museum of Norwich, marking the 60th anniversary of twinning between Rouen and Norwich.

5. Reports of the Twinning Associations

Norfolk and Norwich/Koblenz Friendship Association

Waltraud Jarrold MBE updated the committee on the activities of the Norfolk and Norwich/Koblenz Friendship Association.

She paid tribute to Brenda Woods who had recently passed away and said that she had made significant contributions to twinning.

The German conversation group had made a £250 contribution to 'Feed the Minds' and had made a similar contribution to 'Meningitis Now'. There had been a change of date for the 'Feed the Minds' book fair which would take place from 10 – 13 July at St Andrews Church in Norwich.

The Musik Institut Choir were due to arrive on Norwich on 14 March and would stay until Sunday 17 March with a performance of Verdes Requiem taking place on Saturday 16 March at St Andrews Hall.

The Koblenz Cycle Link had raised over £6,000 so the association was looking to do another cycle ride with the Sports Foundation.

Norfolk and Norwich/Rouen Friendship Association

Chris Rowe presented the report. He said that arrangements were being made for visits in the summer with a visit to Rouen in June and a party of visitors would make the trip to Norwich in July. The visitors would meet the Lord Mayor and take part in the Lord Mayor's procession. Following the parade there would be a garden party hosted by Beryl Blower.

The City of Ale would launch in May and boats with beer from the Northmaen Brewery would be sailing from Rouen to Norwich. They would be mooring at the Waterfront on King Street and would be open to the public from 5:30pm on Thursday 23 May, with tickets available from the UEA.

Norfolk and Norwich – El Viejo Friendship Link

Ralph Gayton presented the report. He said that unfortunately he had to report that violence had broken out again in Nicaragua. A peace process was in progress with talks between the representatives from the government and the private sector. The next few months would be crucial to the process and he was receiving regular updates on the negotiations.

Councillor Raby added that the AGM had taken place on 21 February 2019. The Nicaraguan ambassador had been present and had given an enlightening appraisal of the situation in Nicaragua.

Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

Doug Underwood presented the report. The annual lunch had taken place with a consort from the Serbian embassy in attendance.

The Paul Cross memorial concert was held in January and a profit of £300 had been raised which would be sent to the Milan Petrović school to go towards a special educational project.

The Novisad Friendship bridge was being repaired which was scheduled to take around a week to complete. There had been assurances from the contractor that the plaque would be kept safely and put back onto the bridge.

He added that he had recently been contacted by a journalist from the Guardian newspaper who was interested in twinning and Norwich's links with Novi Sad.

RESOLVED to receive the reports from the twinning associations.

CHAIR

Report to Twinning committee

Item

13 June 2019

Report of Director of business services

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Subject Twinning Fund – Financial Position

Purpose

This report informs the committee of the current financial position of the twinning fund.

Recommendation

To note the balance of the twinning fund is approximately **£3214.00**

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority of people living well. The twinning associations contribute to the council's service plan priority by promoting and fostering links and exchanges of all kinds between people of Norwich and the twin cities.

Financial implications

There are sufficient funds within the twinning account to cover this request.

Ward/s: Not applicable

Cabinet member: Councillor Packer, health and wellbeing

Contact officers

Stuart Guthrie, democratic and elections manager

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Background documents

None

Report

Twinning fund – financial position

1. The transactions since March 2019 are as follows:

Opening balance: **£1654.07**

Transactions in from March 2019 to June 2019 are below

Date	Transactions	£
25 March 2019	Grant to Stefan Ebelwicz	500
April/May 2019	Grant received from Norwich City Council 2019-20	(2060)

Closing balance: **£3214.07**

2. Members of the committee are reminded that applications for grants for twinning related activities can be made by completing a form and contacting the city council. The committee may also wish to put aside funding to support twinning associations to hold special events to celebrate anniversaries in Norwich or to visit twinned cities.
3. We recommend that all associations submit a request for funding for twinning activities in 2019-20 which can be considered at meetings of the committee. This way we can plan expenditure for events and ensure that there is a fair distribution of funding.
4. The committee will consider the annual grants to each of the four associations and two grant applications for twinning activities later on at this meeting.

Report to	Twinning committee	Item
Date	13 June 2019	
Report of	Director of business services	8
Subject	Annual grants to the Twinning associations	

Purpose

To ask committee to consider the annual grant to the four twinning associations

Recommendation

To approve the annual grants of £200 to each of the associations.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority of people living well. The twinning associations contribute to the council's service plan priority by promoting and fostering links and exchanges of all kinds between people of Norwich and the twin cities.

Financial implications

There are sufficient funds within the twinning account to cover these grants.

Ward/s:

Cabinet member: Councillor Packer - health and wellbeing

Contact officers

Stuart Guthrie, democratic and elections manager 01603 212055

Background documents

None

Report

1. The committee has regularly made an annual contribution of £200 to all four of the associations to help support their activities.
2. The committee reviews these grants at its first meeting of the civic year. Members are therefore asked to consider making a contribution of £200 to each of the associations for 2019-20.

Report to Twinning committee

Item

13 June 2019

Report of Director of business services

9

Subject Twinning Fund – Grant applications

Purpose

To consider grant applications received from the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link and the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association.

Recommendation

That the committee considers awarding twinning grants as follows:

- (1) £550 to the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link to reimburse the chair's flight expenses to Nicaragua for a ten day visit in June 2019 and the purchase of a gift for the association's representative;
- (2) £250 towards the Paul Cross Memorial Concert, an annual concert that promotes the friendship between the Novi Sad and Norwich.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority for people living well. The twinning associations contribute to the council's service plan priority by promoting and fostering links and exchanges of all kinds between people of Norwich and the twin cities.

Financial implications

There are sufficient funds within the twinning account to cover these requests.

Ward/s: Not applicable

Cabinet member: Councillor Packer, health and wellbeing

Contact officers

Stuart Guthrie, democratic and elections manager

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Background documents

None

Report

1. The committee has received two applications for grants from the twinning funding in respect of Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link and Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association.
2. Associations and groups are requested to make formal applications for grants from the twinning fund for consideration at committee.

Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link – visit to Nicaragua

3. An application has been received from the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link for the sum of £500 as a contribution to the costs of flights for its current chair, David Raby, for a 10 day visit (8 to 18 June 2019). The application form is attached to this report as Appendix A, together with a supporting letter. The application also seeks £50 for a gift for Carmela Hernandez, the link's representative in El Viejo.
4. The purpose of the visit is to promote cultural exchange and education. This will include meetings with the Link's representative and the Mayor, and developing a project in conjunction with the Slow Theatre Company in Norwich and the Mayor of El Viejo to set up virtual exchanges with young people and adults, and subject to funding, cultural exchanges between the two cities in the future. Further details of this project are set out in the supporting letter.
5. Given its location it is difficult for the link's members to visit El Viejo and the chair's private visit, with his wife, to Cuba and Mexico this summer provides the opportunity to fly from Mexico City to Managua at a cost of £500 per person. The flights have already been purchased on line to keep costs down. The application is therefore only seeking reimbursement of the chair's flight, noting that his wife's flights and other costs associated during the visit will be borne by the couple.
6. Our records show that the last time the twinning committee supported a representative of the link to travel to El Viejo was in 2014. At its meeting on 26 February 2014, this committee approved a grant of £500 towards the travel costs for Ralph Gayton to visit El Viejo in order to inspect the scholarship project and discuss it with the local municipal council, and also, to look into health and education issues.
7. As members are aware the link funds the work of its representative, Carmela Hernandez, who oversees the link's financial support of schools in El Viejo. The request for £50 for a gift is in recognition of her contribution.
8. The chair's visit to El Viejo fulfils the aims of the twinning associations in that it promotes a better understanding of a shared culture and helps to promote informal links between people and organisations in the city of Norwich and the county of Norfolk and is dedicated to furthering friendship between the two cities. The granting of £550 towards the travel costs of the link's current chair is therefore within the aims of the committee.
9. Ralph Gayton, the link's representative on the twinning committee, will be present at your meeting to answer any questions.

Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association – Paul Cross Memorial Concert

10. An application form for a twinning committee grant has been received from the chair of the concert committee of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association. A copy of the grant application form, supporting letter from the chair of the organising committee and budget estimate are appended to this report at Appendix B. The association is seeking a grant from the twinning fund for £250.
11. The Paul Cross Memorial Concert is an annual concert which has been held each year since 2000. The concert promotes the friendship between Novi Sad and Norwich and celebrates the music and culture of Novi Sad.
12. The concert will be held on 18 January 2020 at The Assembly House. The guest performer is Rita Kinka, an international pianist.
13. The organising committee aims to cover the costs of the concert. An estimated budget has been attached to the application. This provides information about the estimated costs for putting on the concert. This includes the hire of the room, refreshments, printing of flyers and programmes and other sundries. The bulk of the cost (£900) is for the travel expenses for the guests from Novi Sad and their visas. The association relies on the goodwill of its members to host the performer and her accompaniment.
14. The concert is held at the Norwich Assembly House. The estimated audience is 80 to 100 people. Ticket sales are sold through the association at £17 or £18 if purchased through the Theatre Royal box office. There is a concessionary price of £7 for students. The association increased the price of tickets by £1 in 2019. Members of the association also fundraise for through coffee morning and raffles to support the event.
15. The committee has made an annual grant to the association for the concert each year since 2004.
16. The concert fulfils the aims of the twinning associations in that it promotes a better understanding of a shared culture and helps to promote informal links between people and organisations in the city of Norwich and the county of Norfolk and is dedicated to furthering friendship between the two cities. The granting of £250 towards the costs incurred on the performers' behalf is therefore within the aims of the committee.

N & N El Viejo Friendship Link
c/o Ralph Gayton (Secretary)

20 May 2019

Twinning Grant Application
Democratic Services
Norwich City Council

Dear Twinning Committee,

This is to expand and explain further the reasons for the attached grant application for expenses relating to a visit to our twin city of El Viejo in Nicaragua.

As Chair of the Link I intend to visit Nicaragua from 8 to 18 June 2019. I shall be accompanied by my wife Luisa, who is also a member of the Link, but the application relates only to my own expenses. We are in fact travelling to Cuba and Mexico as well and the entire trip (undertaken for both leisure and academic purposes) will be from 25 May to 19 July 2019, but the application relates only to the flight from Mexico City to Managua (return) and expenses in Nicaragua.

The purpose of the visit is to renew, strengthen and expand our relations with El Viejo; the last visit there by a member of the Link was in 2013. While in El Viejo I shall have meetings with our representative there, Carmela Hernández, and with the Mayor of El Viejo, María Guevara, and will visit some of the schools where we help to fund scholarship students, in particular the "Norwich, Inglaterra" School. I will discuss the progress of the schools and their needs.

A further and significant reason for the visit is our proposal to expand the work of the Link to include cultural exchange. We have had discussions with the Slow Theatre Company here in Norwich (with which I have worked previously as Councillor for Town Close), and its Director, Danny O'Hara, has a proposal for international work in visual arts, theatre and music which would involve young people (especially) and adults from deprived communities in Norwich. This would be communicated in virtual form with El Viejo and participants would also receive virtual productions from groups over there, and eventually, subject to funding, we would hope to facilitate cultural exchange visits between our two cities. We have already discussed this in a videoconference with the Mayor of El Viejo and her assistants and they are very enthusiastic about the idea. In addition, David Hynes, Chief Executive of the Norwich Charitable Trusts, has encouraged us to apply (with Slow Theatre)

for funding for such a project provided it can be shown to benefit young people from deprived backgrounds here in Norwich and adjacent areas of Norfolk.

A further relevant consideration, which has already facilitated this proposal, is that I am fluent in Spanish (and for my wife Luisa it is her native language).

Finally, in relation to the current application, I have booked a Mexico City – Managua flight with Aeroméxico for June 8-18 at a cost of slightly over £500 per person, so my personal expenses for the visit will be considerably more than this. However, £500 seems a reasonable amount to request to offset at least some of these expenses. The other £50 we are requesting is for a present for our representative Carmela Hernández.

If you need further information p'lease contact either me or our Secretary Ralph Gayton.

Your sincerely,



David L Raby,



NORWICH
City Council

Application for Twinning Committee Grant

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1. Name and address of organisation/group applying for the grant

Name NORFOLK & NORWICH - EL VIEJO FRIENDSHIP LINK

Address c/o RALPH GAYTON (SECRETARY),
NORWICH.

2. Name, address and contact details of individual applying for the grant

Name DAVID RABY

Address

Contact

Email

3. Position held within the organisation/group (please tick)

Chair ☒ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ Other (please state) _____

4. Please describe fully why you are applying for a grant and which city or town you are forming links with?

AS CHAIR OF THE LINK I AM PLANNING TO VISIT
NICARAGUA FOR TEN DAYS IN JUNE 2019 (8-18 JUNE).
OUR TWIN TOWN OF EL VIEJO IS THE MAIN DESTINATION. AIM
TO PROMOTE CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION. MY WIFE LUISA IS ALSO
TRAVELLING BUT THIS APPLICATION IS ONLY FOR MY OWN EXPENSES.

If the grant is to help towards the costs of a visit, please answer the following questions:

a) How many people will be in the group making the visit? 2

b) How many of these are under 18 years old? 0

c) How many people in your organisation/group live in the Norwich City Council area? 80%

d) We need to establish if there is any particular financial hardship, please say if any members of the visiting group are unemployed or receiving other benefit support?

No.

e) Has your organisation/group received any previous grant from the Twinning Committee? If yes, please say how much and when?

2013 - VISIT BY OUR SECRETARY. UNSURE OF EXACT AMOUNT.

f) What is the total cost of this visit? £1,000 APPROX.

g) How much grant are you applying for? £500 + £50.

h) Are you applying to any other organisation or business for grants? If yes, please say who to and for how much?

NO.

i) How will your organisation/group be paying for the visit? I AS CHAIR WILL PAY SUBJECT TO ANY ASSISTANCE FROM THIS GRANT.

5) It is a condition of the grant that your travel arrangements are made with a bonded travel company, which is a member of ABTA. Please confirm this requirement and give the name of your travel company

I HAVE BOOKED THE MEXICO-CITY-MANAGUA FLIGHT THROUGH E-DREAMS (DEMOCRATIC SERVICES INFORMED ME THAT THIS IS ACCEPTABLE).

6) If the grant is for another purpose other than a visit, please give as much detail as you can by answering the following questions:

a) Please describe your project/event/activity and explain how it will further the aims of the Twinning Committee?

SEE ATTACHED LETTER

b) What is the total cost of the project/event/activity? £1,000 APPROX.

c) How much grant are you applying for? £550.

d) Are you applying to any other organisation or business for grants? If yes, please say who to and for how much?

NOT AT THIS POINT.

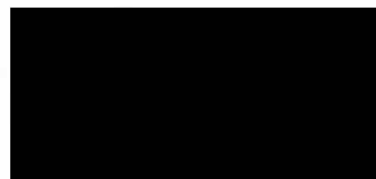
e) How will your organisation/group pay for the project/event/activity? I SHALL PAY OUT OF MY OWN POCKET.

If you need any help, have any questions about completing the application or require the application in another format or language please contact Democratic Services on 01603 213022 or email twinning@norwich.gov.uk Please use extra paper if you need more space and enclose a copy of you last set of accounts, if appropriate.

Please return your completed form to:

Twinning Grant Application
Democratic Services
Norwich City Council
City Hall
Norwich NR2 1NH





20th May 2019

The Chair

Norwich City Council Twinning Committee

City Hall

Norwich.

Dear Chair,

On behalf of the Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association I wish to apply for a grant £250 to help towards the 2020 Paul Cross Memorial Concert which is held annually to promote the friendship with our twin city of Novi Sad and to celebrate the music and culture of Novi Sad. It is also held in memory of a much-loved former chairman of the association, Paul Cross who did so much to promote the friendship between our two cities. Every year since 2000, some outstanding international musicians have travelled from Novi Sad especially to perform for us here in Norwich showing us how much they value our friendship. A grant would go towards funding the air travel for our guest performer from Novi Sad in Serbia.

The 2020 concert will be held on Saturday, 18th January 2020 at The Assembly House, Norwich. We are delighted that Rita Kinka, the international pianist from Novi Sad, will be returning to perform a selection of classical pieces. Rita last performed in Norwich for the 2012 concert at the Norwich Playhouse.

NNNSA is a voluntary group which aims to be self-sufficient through member subscriptions and fundraising at its social events to support the concert. We aim to cover the costs of the concert through the sale of tickets to our members and to the public, and have priced our tickets for the concert accordingly. We remain reliant, however, on the goodwill and generosity of our members in offering accommodation, transport and hospitality to our guest performers. We have always been grateful for the support and interest of the Twinning Committee.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. Wendy Quinn

Chair 2020 Paul Cross Memorial Concert Committee

Estimated Budget for NNNSA January Concert 2020

Expenditure

Hire of venue/ The Norwich Assembly House Music Room, Incl. PRS fee, piano and tuning, microphone	£535
Hobart room hospitality for Civic guests and other VIPs	£50
Ticket Sale Commission (taken off at theatre)	
Performer's visa, travel from Novi Sad and expenses	£900
Printing of flyers and programmes	£160
Sundries incl. postage costs / mail shot advertising	£100

TOTAL **£1,745approx**

Estimated Income

Sale of concert tickets through NNNSA membership @ £17/students £7
Theatre Royal Box office tickets @ £18 / students £7

Programme sales @ £1.50

Fundraising

Raffle	£150
Coffee morning	£90

Grant applications to be made

Norwich City Council

The John Jarrold Trust

TOTAL ***To be assessed***



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1. Name and address of organisation/group applying for the grant

Name NORFOLK + NORWICH NOVI SAD ASSOCIATION

Address c/o

2. Name, address and contact details of individual applying for the grant

Name

Address See above

Postcode

3. Selection of role within the organisation/group (please tick)

Chair ☐ Secretary ☒ Treasurer ☐ Other (please state) Chair 2020 Concert sub-committee

4. Please describe fully why you are applying for a grant and which city or town you are forming links with?

To help towards the cost of holding the 2020 Paul Cross Memorial Concert, in particular the visa and air travel expenses for our guest performer from Novi Sad, Serbia. (see letter)

If the grant is to help towards the costs of a visit, please answer the following questions:

a) How many people will be in the group making the visit? _____

b) How many of these are under 18 years old? _____

c) How many people in your organisation/group live in the Norwich City Council area? _____

d) We need to establish if there is any particular financial hardship, please say if any members of the visiting group are unemployed or receiving other benefit support? _____

e) Has your organisation/group received any previous grant from the Twinning Committee? If yes, please say how much and when?

f) What is the total cost of this visit?

g) How much grant are you applying for?

h) Are you applying to any other organisation or business for grants? If yes, please say who to and for how much?

i) How will your organisation/group be paying for the visit?

5) It is a condition of the grant that your travel arrangements are made with a bonded travel company, which is a member of ABTA. Please confirm this requirement and give the name of your travel company

6) If the grant is for another purpose other than a visit, please give as much detail as you can by answering the following questions:

a) Please describe your project/event/activity and explain how it will further the aims of the Twinning Committee?

The annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert is held to promote the friendship between our 2 cities and to celebrate the music and culture of Norwich.

b) What is the total cost of the project/event/activity? £1,745 See Budget-sheet.

c) How much grant are you applying for? £250

d) Are you applying to any other organisation or business for grants? If yes, please say who to and for how much?

Yes, The John Janold Trust - £160

e) How will your organisation/group pay for the project/event/activity? Through sale of tickets for the concert; fundraising events, raffles etc.

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NEWSLETTER

Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association

Dedicated to Friendship

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Paul Billing

Paul Billing was a warm hearted, enthusiastic, engaging free spirit. He was inventive, challenging, hilarious and generous to a fault. All and everyone were welcome to his house, orchard, garden, gazebos and bar. His parties were legendary.

Paul had long experience as an entrepreneur in the world of local pop music. With a group of friends, who called themselves 'Wombat, Wombat', he encouraged and supported young musicians by arranging recording sessions and organising superb gigs. A highlight of every month was the 'Wombat Wombat' Friday night gig at The Norwich Arts Centre.



In 2005 Paul approached the Association with the suggestion that bands from Norfolk and Norwich should be supported to visit and perhaps play at the now famous, student inspired 'Exit Festival' in Novi Sad. The Association felt it could not comfortably encompass such an enterprise and suggested a 'sister' association. So Paul became the founder and chairman of 'Muzica'.

In 2006 Paul flew to Novi Sad to negotiate with the two student leaders of 'Exit': Darko and Dusan. Lazar Stritevic, who was present during the negotiations, said later 'You could not have sent anyone better!' The famous pair immediately warmed to and were impressed by Paul's enthusiasm and expertise in the genre. They agreed that two bands from Norfolk and Norwich should perform at the 2006 Novi Sad 'Exit Festival'. They would stay free at The Vojvodina Hotel.

Two talented young bands, none of whose members had ever been out of the country before, were selected. They were to play on the prestigious 'Future Shock' stage. They had no money; Muzica had no funds. Flights were out of the question.

Audaciously, Paul decided to buy a second hand bus and drive them to Novi Sad. He and his brother Pete drove non stop to 'Exit' with the bands, their instruments and some supporters. The bands performed wonderfully to rapturous audiences.

The President of Serbia, Boris Tadic, visited the festival, congratulated Paul and the bands and told them "You are very welcome musical ambassadors". They were later interviewed for television and newspapers where they similarly captivated everyone. Paul was lovingly dubbed by the young musicians as 'Proud Paul'. He and his friends continued annual visits to 'Exit' with more promising young bands.

Paul had a stroke a few years ago but it did not quell his spirit. Sadly he suffered a second stroke on 30th March from which he did not recover. For ever surprising us, there would be no funeral but an unattended cremation. ***Paul Billing. d. 30.03.2019.***

Projected Annual Visit to Novi Sad

As mentioned in the previous edition of the Newsletter, preparations are being made with regard to our Annual visit to Novi Sad. At the moment we have five people who are definite about going.

We usually go for a week sometime in September. Last year the visit was from 15th September until 22nd September but it has sometimes been later in September and/or early October.

The provisional programme reflects the activities of last year's including

- the exploration of Novi Sad and Petrovaradin.
- Visits to vineyards
- Visit to other town(s) in Vojvodina
- Visit to the Fruska Gora
- Visit to Belgrade

Participants arrange their own flight costs. (early booking can bring down the cost to about £300 or under)

The cost of the visit programme is dependant on the number of people joining. (Last year it was just over £600 pp). The Association copes with this payment and members reimburse the Association.

The visit is always enjoyable, with those who have been before re-establishing friendships and those who are there for the first time experiencing the hospitality of the people and the city as well as exploring the countryside and towns of this beautiful Balkan area. ***BRING A FRIEND!***

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NNNSA Summer Outing

17th July 2019

Broads River Trip from Horning Village **Wednesday morning 17th July 2019.**

Please join us on-board the Southern Comfort Mississippi Paddle boat, sailing from Horning Village along the scenic River Bure to Ranworth Broad and back, passing thatched cottages, windmills, Norfolk reed beds and traditional Broads river boats.

There is a commentary on the bird and wildlife as we sail. The cruise lasts one and half hours, leaving at 10:30. Refreshments available. Afterwards, join the group for a pub lunch at the Swan Hotel, next to the mooring.

Tickets: Adult £8.70/ OAPs £7.70. Pay on the day. Wheelchair access.

Meeting 10.15am Southern Comfort Mooring, on the green by the Swan Hotel, Lower Street, Horning. NR12 8AA. Pay and Display Parking close by. Please contact our social secretary Wendy Quinn if you wish to come on the group outing by 10th July 2019. Let us know if you need a lift to Horning.



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The Annual General Meeting took place on the 11th April, chaired by the Lord Mayor of Norwich.

The following nominations were presented to the meeting and subsequently elected:

Mr Doug Underwood (Chairman); Peter Beckley (Vice Chairman); Mrs Sandra Underwood (Honorary Secretary); Gaetano Piccolo (Treasurer) and Sue Prutton (Vice Treasurer)

Dates for your calendar:

2020 Paul Cross Memorial Concert



We are delighted to announce that **Rita Kinka** is going to be the performer at the 2020 Paul Cross Memorial Concert on the 18th January. The programme has yet to be finalised but, after her overwhelming success in 2005, be prepared for an outstanding music event!

Annual Lunch

Our annual lunch date for this year has been booked for the **13th October 2019**. The venue is the Park Farm Hotel - Hethersett, same as last year. The price per person, including the drink on arrival, is £24.00.



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